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Comment Of The Day

PRO-WESTERN VOICE

THIS most pro-Western voice to be heard in the Middle East for some time is that of Persia. Not since President Chamoun's appeal for help last year to combat Communists within the Lebanon and the threats from without has there been heard such a confident and assured voice of authority.

President Chamoun did not cry in vain in the wilderness as rebellion threatened to engulf his country. The United States answered his appeal in the hour of danger and troops were sent to his aid with such despatch that it upset Nasser and the Kremlin line of thinking. The best they could do was to sit back and hope that a fighting war would break out and thus pave the way for intervention.

Bloodshed was, however, avoided; a conflict averted and peace returned to the Lebanon in the face of Soviet warnings that "volunteers" would be sent into the country.

False Calm

THREE the position rests, albeit a false calm but the Russians, their satellites and their fellow travelling nations can be under no misapprehension as to the West's determination to assist its allies and friends. The Shah has been no less forceful in supporting his Government's determination to select its own friends. The Shah abandoned the technique of flitting with East and West in 1955. This surprising departure from a policy at which Persia has been an adept for decades was the outcome of arguments pressed home by President Bayar of Turkey. The Shah and his Government have been forthright in their statements that they want a treaty with the United States and its links through the Bagdad Pact nations without interference or obligation placed on their sovereignty.

This, of course, was like throwing the red flag at the Soviet bull. Russian reaction is typical of their blunderbuss diplomacy, and cannot come as any surprise that the Soviets, having been scorned, replied with threats of invasion and denunciations alleging Persian submission to Western demands for aggressive bases along the Russo-Persian border.

Contingencies

THE basis of the Soviet warning that it will move into Persia is centred upon Article VI of the Soviet-Persian Treaty of 1921. It is well to bear in mind that as originally agreed the article only offered Russia the right to "advance its troops into the Persian interior" in several contingencies, one of which was foreign use of Persian territory as a base of operations against the Soviet Union.

Such a situation does not exist and it was the Russians who made it clear that the article "was intended to apply only to cases in which preparations are made for a considerable armed attack upon the Soviet Union... by partisans of the regime that has been overthrown. Soviet interpretation of any treaty is always in her own favour and it must be with ratification to the West that Persia, situated as she is on the Russian threshold, has had the courage to defy the majority in the Kremlin and call their bluff.

SOVIET PREMIER EXPLAINS WHY HE MADE THAT SPEECH K: I WAS ELECTIONEERING *His Toothache Was A 'Real One'*

Moscow, Mar. 1.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev was today quoted as having told a foreign ambassador here that his strongly-worded foreign policy speech in the Kremlin last Tuesday was "only an electioneering speech."

NOW, EOKA MEN SEARCH BRITONS FOR BOMBS!

Nicosia, Mar. 1. The tables were ironically turned at Archbishop Makarios' homecoming today—Eoka members once wanted for anti-British terrorist acts politely searched Englishmen for bombs.

One British journalist who carried a small bottle full of brandy, anticipating a chilly day, had the bottle confiscated with apologies by his searchers, who were taking no chances that it might be a bomb.

Members of the Eoka underground were responsible for the security of the Archbishop. The Englishmen were guests.

The body searches were carried out politely, and the irony of the reverse situation caused laughter on both sides.—U.P.I.

ELECTIONS FOR CUBA IN 2 YEARS

Havana, Mar. 1. Elections will be held in Cuba in two years, Dr Fidel Castro, Prime Minister and revolutionary leader, told a visiting group of American newspaper editors today.

Immediate elections would not be fair because of the enthusiasm over the victory of the revolution, Dr Castro said.

The revolutionary Government Council of Ministers issued a decree today authorising the confiscation of goods and property belonging to supporters of former dictator Fulgencio Batista.

Included as persons the decree said, "collaborated with the sustenance of (Batista) tyranny" were former legislators and military leaders of the ousted government.—Reuter and U.P.I.

Princess Anne Down With Flu

London, Mar. 1. Eight-year-old Princess Anne has been ill bed for the past few days with a mild attack of influenza. It was learned at Buckingham Palace late tonight.—Reuter.

Anthem Disappears From Coffee Shops

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 1. Melody's National Anthem today disappeared from coffee shops throughout the city after authorities ruled it was "improper" to play the record for public entertainment.—China Mail Special.

The ambassador said Mr Khrushchev told him he was surprised at foreign reaction to the speech, in which he rejected the Western move to hold a foreign ministers meeting on Berlin, and said Russia was prepared to sign a non-aggression pact with Britain.

No Coolness

The ambassador, who did not wish to be identified, said Mr Khrushchev also declared that the toothache which stopped him going with Mr Harold Macmillan to Kiev last week was really toothache, not merely a diplomatic illness.

He said the Soviet Premier told him he was "still not pessimistic" about his talks with Mr Macmillan, and that Mr Anastas Mikoyan's sudden trip to Leningrad to greet the British leader there yesterday was designed to prove there was no coolness.

The ambassador said Mr Khrushchev was in an expansive mood and "I asked Khrushchev point blank whether he really had toothache or whether it was a diplomatic illness." In view of reports of coolness between him and Mr Macmillan in their talks here.

"He said it was not diplomatic at all. A stopping had fallen out and it was giving him pain."

Too Sharp

The ambassador said Mr Khrushchev told him he had joked with Mr Macmillan about his tooth before the British Prime Minister flew from Moscow to Kiev.

Mr Khrushchev had added: "I told him Prime Ministers must have good teeth, and Mr Macmillan answered 'I think sometimes your teeth are a little too sharp for us.'"

The ambassador, as senior of his foreign policy speech, "I know

it has been suggested that I

should not have made the

speech until Mr Macmillan

left Moscow but the election

was to be Sunday before he

left and I owed it to my

electors to explain what was

happening. That is all I did."

Change of Heart

The Soviet Prime Minister said Mr Mikoyan's sudden trip to greet Mr Macmillan in Leningrad—the day after the Soviet Deputy Premier had himself made an election speech criticising Mr Macmillan's "rough" line on Berlin—was designed to show there was no coolness.

Observers here said the presence of the affable Mr Mikoyan spreading good cheer and hospitality today in Leningrad was the outward symbol of strong support of the Soviet Government by the Soviet Government to save the Anglo-Soviet talks from stalemate.—Reuter.

17-Year-Old Lovers Elope At Gunpoint

Buenos Aires, Mar. 1. TWO 17-year-old Argentinian lovers, who forced a pilot at gunpoint to fly them to Uruguay last Wednesday in an attempt to get married, were back home today, still single.

The would-be-bride, dark-haired Susana Porras Silva, was held at a local police station. Her sweetheart, Nestor Aranguren, kept her once it was clear Nestor

COLONY PREPARES FOR THE DUKE



Four days to go to the arrival of Prince Philip, and Hongkong's preparations go into top gear today.

In this picture workmen are putting finishing touches to the colourful standards which line the Duke's processional route to Government House. In the background is the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank with a giant replica of the Bank's crest over the entrance.

Gordon Road and Connaught Road are now lined with lamp standards in pastel shades. Palauus—ceremonial arches—have been erected in Nathan Road, Kowloon, Causeway Bay and Aberdeen.

Regiments taking part in the march past were prevented from reharsing most of last week because of rain. One drill early yesterday morning was ruined by a downpour.

Clearing skies brought cheer to those responsible for planning and arranging the visit.

The big question people were asking over the weekend was: "What happens if it rains—will the Gordon Party, the Youth Display, the laying of the foundation stone, the march past at Kai Tak and the reception on the Britannia go on as planned?"—China Mail Photo.

Tass said that in many cities or districts the electoral turnout exceeded 99 per cent. In Moscow this figure was 99.29 per cent and in Leningrad 99.05 per cent.

Tass said these results represented a "guzzling demonstration of the complete unity of the party, the government and the people."—U.P.I.

Company today. He was optimistic about the future. "We are young, what better future than that," he said. "I believe everything will be worked out in a few days and we will be married at last."

After their mothers offered to aid pour in for the young lovers, they were put on a boat and sent here. "Antonita," stimulated

Booklet On Marriage Causes Storm Of Protest In Britain

London, Mar. 1. A little booklet called "Getting Married" caused a storm of protest in Great Britain today because of its frankness in discussing pre-marital sex relations.

One chapter of the pamphlet is entitled "Is chastity outmoded?" And another gets right down to fundamentals by asking in the opening lines: "So you're a bride. And are you pregnant too?"

The booklet, issued by the British Medical Association and edited by a woman doctor, has brought down the wrath of church officials who say it encourages free love.

BARBS

Most of the bars were aimed at an article written by Dr Eustace Chesser, a London psychologist, who asked if chastity was becoming old fashioned.

Dr J. B. O'Sullivan, Secretary of the Guild of St Luke, which represents Roman Catholic doctors, called the booklet "Outrageous... medically and morally wrong."

The Rt Rev. Percy Gilpin, the Bishop of Kingston, said he believed the morals of young persons were slipping and that publication of the book only speeded up the process.—U.P.I.

Dual-Gauge

At present, Russian dual-gauge sleeping cars run from Moscow to every capital of eastern Europe and Vienna, Peking, Guangzhou and Beijing. One of the latter was accompanied by a photograph showing the Moscow-Berlin express changing its bogies at the Russian frontier station of Trebil.

Mrs Sue Stone, daughter of Mr. J. H. Price, editor of a well known London continental timetable, said in a letter to the Daily Telegraph that bogie-changing equipment now existed at five Russian frontier stations. Three of these were in Europe and two in the Far East.

There was thus "a technical obstacle now to a through service from Paris or Ostend to Moscow."

Mr Price added: "With two bogie-changes, a train could work right through from Ostend to Hongkong. It would take 18 days."

Starting Tour

Rome, Mar. 1. Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations, left here by air tonight for Katsushi on the first stage of an Asian tour—by train.

500 Lose Homes In Kowloon Fire

BY CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Fire broke out in one of the last squatter areas in the densely populated Shamshuiipo district of Kowloon this morning, making over 500 people homeless.

The only casualties were two firemen who received superficial injuries when a wooden beam and blocks of masonry collapsed on them. Both were sent to hospital.

Timber Yard

Shortly after 7 am, officers at a tall column of smoke coming up from a timber yard in Tsim Mei Road, Shamshuiipo. At the same time a fire report was received by the station. Eight of the nine major fire appliances in Kowloon and two more from Mongkok were despatched to the scene.

The timber yard, measuring roughly 500 foot by 220 feet, is ringed by a large number of squat huts, and it was among these that the fire is believed to have started.

The squatters quickly evacuated, and in 45 minutes the fire was under control. But a Fire Brigade officer said this morning it will continue to smoulder until five or six pm today.

Factories

Fortunately the Fire Brigade was able to stop the blaze from spreading to the timber yards where there are a number of furniture and box factories.

A spokesman of the Relief Department of the Social Welfare office said that over 500 people had been registered as homeless, and they had been taken to the Maple Street office, where free meals were being distributed.

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WARMEST WEATHER IN UK SINCE 1866

London, Mar. 1. Temperatures in Britain today amounted to 60 degrees Fahrenheit and over in the warmest weather for this time of the year since 1866, the Weather Bureau announced.

Thousands of Britons took advantage of the spring-like weather to drive to the seaside, creating traffic jams eight miles long on the roads.—France Presse.

Now Europe To HK By Rail

London, Mar. 2. A travel authority asserted here today that through train services to Moscow and the Far East were now feasible.

This would make it possible for travellers to book through from Victoria Station, London, to Hongkong.

No Obstacle

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No injuries were reported since all the cars were travelling at slow speed because of fog.

At the same time, the pranksters changed direction signs at several cross roads sending motorists the opposite way on their intended journey.

Pranksters Send Cars Off Road

Modena, Mar. 1. Police today were looking for the dangerous pranksters who repainted the centre dividing line on the main highway here, leading at least 15 cars off the road during the night into the bushes.

No injuries were reported since all the cars were travelling at slow speed because of fog.

"The Lifeless Parody Should Cease To Exist," Says Altringham

Bob Hope's
Eye Is
Getting
Worse

"ANGRY LORD" BLASTS THE COMMONWEALTH

Families Flee From Lava

Yaounde, French Cameroun, Mar. 1. Families fled from their homes today as a river of lava flowed slowly down the southeast flanks of erupting Mount Cameroon, near the border of the British and French Camerouns. The lava flow, 300 yards wide and 10 yards thick was advancing 200 yards a day, and its furthest point was reported to be about a mile from the Kumba-Buea-Tiko road in the British Cameroun. This is a very fertile region where many of the country's exported products are grown.—France Presse.



London, Mar. 1. Lord Altringham, outspoken critic of the monarchy and the Church of England, tonight attacked the Commonwealth as an "unorganised hypocrisy" and a "haphazard collection of sovereign states."

British, African and West Indian students heard him compare it to an unsuccessful marriage.

He declared: "A marriage which holds together by means of the partners leading widely separated existences, with agreement only to differ about nearly everything that matters, is not a truly successful marriage."

"Yet that surely is a very fair analogy to the Commonwealth in its present form," Lord Altringham was a guest speaker at the West Indian Students' Union headquarters at Earls Court, London. He was proposing a motion that the Commonwealth should either radically be altered or dissolved.

Lord Altringham said: "Unless we can achieve the Commonwealth of our dreams, the present lifeless parody of a Commonwealth had better cease to exist, and will, in fact, in the course of nature cease to exist."

Disraeli once described the Tory Party, which he subsequently left, as organised hypocrisy.

No Principles

"I would describe the Commonwealth in its present form, as unorganized hypocrisy. 'Why? Because it has no principles,

It is just a haphazard collection of sovereign states who have no common policy and do not even bother to inform each other what they are intending to do."

"In 1958 the British Government nearly smashed the Commonwealth with its Suez aggression by not even telling its Commonwealth friends what it was going to do."

Lucky

"Some people think that it is altogether a good sign that the Commonwealth was able to survive Suez, that this demonstrated the flexibility of the association and its admirable vitality. I think it is very lucky that it did survive."

"A Commonwealth with some inner vitality, a Commonwealth which stood for definite principles would not have survived the Suez crisis so easily."

Lord Altringham added that the Commonwealth should stand for three main principles.

Joint Policy

There should be a full exchange of information between all the member governments so they could hammer out a joint foreign policy within the Commonwealth.

Such a policy he thought would contribute greatly towards world peace.

The Commonwealth should also be worthy of its name in the economic sense.

"At present the Commonwealth consists of some very rich countries, including Britain, and a number of very poor countries."

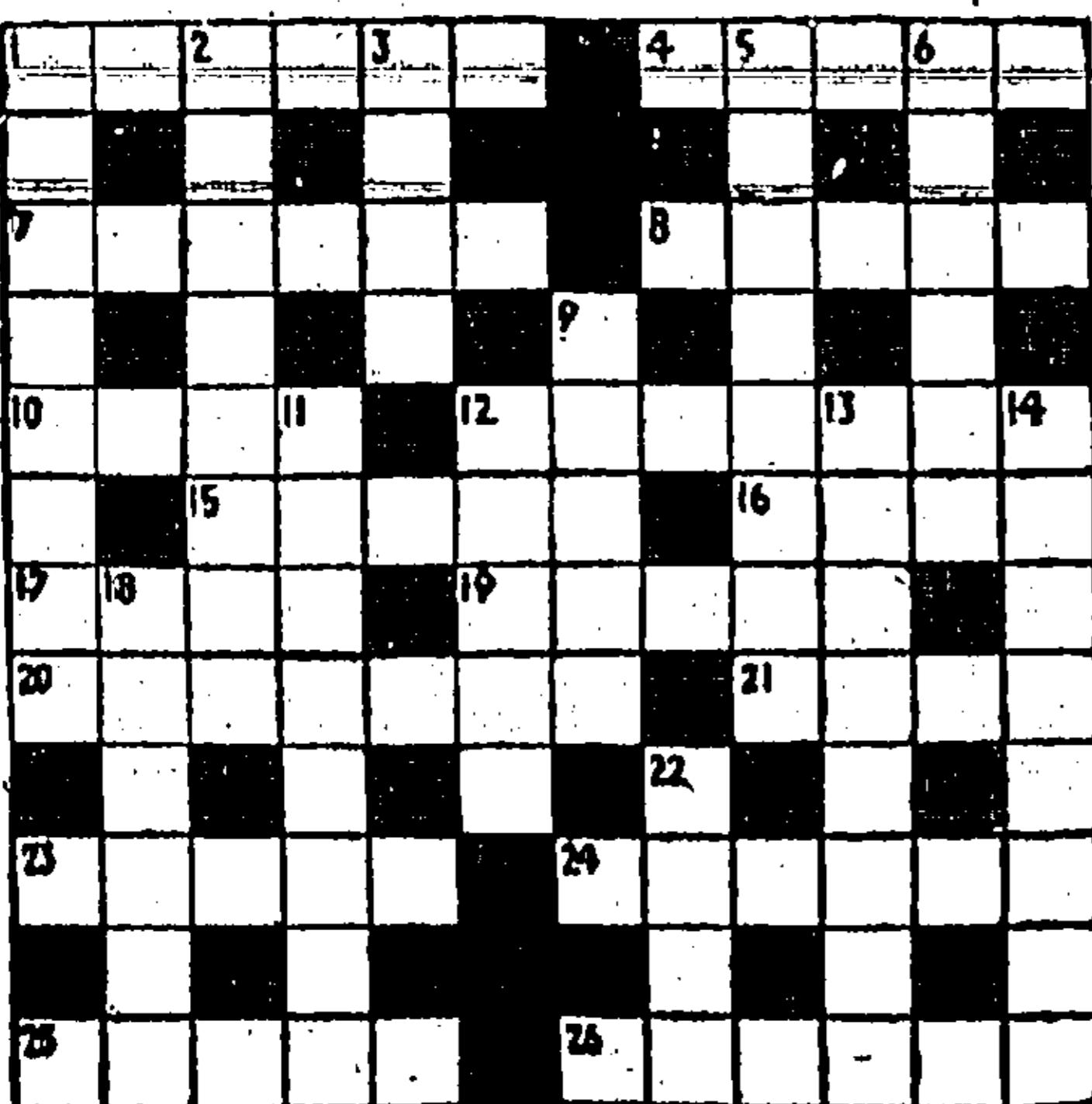
"Nothing like enough is being done by the well off to help those who are unavoidably less well off."

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- Meal (6).
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- Abundance (6).
- Skills (5).
- Praise (4).
- Light (4).
- Of less importance (5).
- Assert (4).
- Watches (4).
- Angry (5).
- Fate (7).
- Obelisk (4).
- Gordon (6).
- Admitted (5).
- Slept (5).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Erecting, 8 Intone, 9 Sanguine, 11 Consumes, 12 Omit, 13 Leave, 16 Spell, 19 Romp, 22 Discards, 24 Bracelet, 25 Remoto, 26 Deterred, Down: 1 Pinch, 2 Stone, 3 Ensures, 4 Ream, 5 Cope, 6 Idioms, 7 Ghetto, 10 Mervo, 14 April, 15 Elected, 16 Probed, 17 Impact, 19 Droop, 21 Under, 22 Dear, 23 Sure.

Both these principles were now pretty well accepted in Britain for internal purposes.

"It does not appear to be accepted in a wider context."

"We are spending in this country about two per cent of our national economy on Commonwealth and colonial development, whereas we are spending five per cent annually to subsidise our own farmers here in Britain."

"These figures are terrifying and extremely revealing."

Lord Altringham said that finally the Commonwealth, if it was to survive, and it deserved to survive, must stand for non-racism and for parliamentary democracy.

Both these principles were now at stake in southern Africa.

Here he paid tribute to Dr Hastings Banda, who was fighting not only for his own Nyanza people, but also for all the dis-enfranchised African majority.

He draws £4 a week for his wife and himself from the Hammersmith employment office in London.

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But Mr Iain Macleod, Minister of Labour, said he could not give any information. An information given by an unemployed person was confidential, he said.

Mr Hall said there was a certain feeling in this case.

No one would deny the right of a man to draw unemployment benefit whatever his financial circumstances might be.

But if in fact an individual was registered for one profession only and was only prepared to accept that profession, what would be the position of

an M.P. who unfortunately lost his job at the next election?

"Can we draw unemployment pay until we get another seat?" he asked with laughter.

Mr Macleod said he hoped not to have reason to find out.

—China Mail Special.

Actor (IN HIS JAGUAR)

The House of Commons has heard about an actor, Bernard Davies, winner of a £5,580 television quiz, who goes every week in his Jaguar car to collect unemployment pay.

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NO CRATE OF BUBBLY FOR SUSAN



Fears For Press Freedom In New French Code

Paris, March 2. France's most sweeping judicial reform since the Napoleonic Code was instituted 155 years ago comes into force today.

French newspapers have expressed misgivings about the effect on Press freedom of the new code.

The most controversial part deals with the procedure from the beginning of a police inquiry to the trial of an accused person.

Up to now a suspect could be detained and questioned by the police for several days before being brought before the examining magistrate who decides whether the case should go to trial.

From today a suspect or a witness cannot be held by the police for more than 24 hours without the written authority of the public prosecutor, and he has the right to medical examination.

Suspicion

One code article affirms the principle of the secrecy of the police enquiry and the magistrate's hearings to prevent unjust suspicion falling publicly on innocent people.

But French journalists contend that public opinion plays its part in ensuring justice.

Crime reporters have issued a communiqué saying that "from henceforth the (magistrate's) examination may go on for months or years without any control from public opinion."

Until now accredited reporters could obtain authoritative information about crimes and preliminary hearings.

In future written authority from the magistrate will be required before information is given.

Blackout

The accused person is, however, freed from the secrecy rule.

Strict application of the secrecy principle could mean, for example, an official blackout on any further developments or charges in the "Lacaze Affair" and the "Rose Ballet" scandals which have filled pages of the French Press for the past six weeks.—Reuter.

OLD SKULLS STUMP BRITISH MUSEUM

London, Mar. 1. British Museum experts who took up a challenge to find out which of two skulls belonged to Sweden's 18th century philosopher-scientist, Emanuel Swedenborg, said that the 150-year-old riddle had beaten them.

Tests on the two skulls were carried out in the museum's natural history section.

But a statement from the museum said that the question of which of the skulls—"if either"—was the true skull of Swedenborg remained open.

Mrs Madeline Smith of the serological laboratory found the same blood group substance in all the bones she worked on.

Emanuel Swedenborg died in London in 1772.

Doubts

But doubts as to whether the skull with the remains was really that of Swedenborg have existed since the beginning of the 19th century.

It was believed that the real skull was removed and sold to a philologist. Claims were made that a skull in the possession of Doctor Charlotte Brandt of Swansea, Wales, was that of the Swedish philosopher. She has stated that her father bought

the skull in London curiosities shop before World War I.

A team of Swedish scientists headed by Professor Carl Henschens opened the Swedish sarcophagus in Uppsala Cathedral last September to carry out a fluorescence test on the skull in it.

Reactions

Professor Henschens said afterwards that the skull was not Swedenborg's as the test gave different reactions from the skull and other parts of the skeleton.

While in Britain recently Professor Henschens asked Dr Kenneth Oakley of the British Museum to undertake blood group tests of the two skulls because there were unique laboratory facilities for the work in Britain.

The tests were carried out by Mrs Smith on bone powders from the skeleton and skull in Wales.

—China Mail Special.

The Duke Says 'Ugh' To Native Toddy

Jesselton, Borneo, Mar. 1. The Duke of Edinburgh rejected a native drink here today and broke up an official delegation in the process.

The Duke, who had been sampling native wines throughout his tour of Borneo, indicated he had his fill during a visit to Colony display here.

He sniffed a bottle of "toddy" — fermented coconut palm juice — and exclaimed, "ugh!"

His remark sent a half-dozen officials, including the Governor, Sir Roland Turnbull, into riotous laughter.

Covered

The Duke watched numerous displays of native dancing but none of the North Borneo native women performers was bare-breasted.

The colonial Government apparently had seen to it that the Duke would not encounter any more women bare from the waist up, or to have to drink ceremonial rice in their presence as he did during a ceremony in Sarawak last week.—UPI.

Earthquake

New York, Mar. 1. The Fordham University seismograph today recorded a "fairly severe" earthquake centre 9,800 miles from here.

The university said the earthquake was probably in the Banda Sea, southwest of New Guinea.—Reuter.

New Windmill Girl



A recent newcomer to the ranks of the Windmill Girls is 17-year-old Shenda Pearce, seen here in the Oriental costume she wears in "The Bride," from the latest edition of non-stop Revudeville at London's famous theatre.—Central Press Photo.



PRINCE PHILIP

THEY crowd in.....memories of Prince Philip from men and women of all sorts to build up a vivid, unforgettable picture of the Man Behind The Throne.....Memories like these:

He was just like a brother to me. He was very homely and you could tell him things you couldn't tell the other Royals. On honeymoon at Birkhall, near Balmoral, he was persuaded to brave snow and drift to shoot an old hind.

He hadn't any suitable clothes so he sent to my cottage to get if I could lend him anything.

I lent him a pair of felt leggings and army puttees that I'd worn in the first world war and off he went in them.

Maybe he has just a wee bit of temper, but you'd never be able to tell him it's been stuck up. Willie Edwards, former Balmoral ghillie.

Helen Cordet, the TV star, has known Prince Philip since they were children. She recalls:

He turned up one day in Paris where I was living. He was just a Lieutenant in the Navy on leave. He telephoned and asked me out to tea, at the Ritz.

He appeared on a woman's bicycle with a large label bearing its owner's name fluttering from the back.

"I tried to borrow a car from the Greek Embassy," he explained, "but they didn't have one to spare. So a friend's secretary lent me her bike."

After tea we'd go by underground. Philip said: "Right, I'll race you." He leapt on to the bike and vanished.

I just won the race. And I'll never forget the spectacle of the tall young man on the tiny woman's bike pedalling at break-neck speed along the Champs Elysees.

Next, Andrew Neatour, an American theatrical executive who arranges fund-raising events for the London Federation of Boys' Clubs of which Prince Philip is president.

Working with Prince Philip, is a stimulating—sometimes exhausting—experience. It's so much energy that his daily session of squash at the Palace is not so much a game as a game.

He drives through a committee agenda with big business efficiency—perhaps too quickly let off steam.

He's an ideal house guest. He's so gay and easy. No bother at all.

THE CROWDED LIFE OF THE QUEEN'S HUSBAND



FUND-RAISER: Prince Philip shakes hands by the hundred. This one belongs to Elizabeth Taylor. The occasion was a charity film premiere in London—one of the many functions which he attends as part of his work.

THE MAN WITH HIS HANDS FULL...



THE SPORTSMAN: "I don't recall that he was particularly good at sport. He was cricket captain because of his natural leadership rather than skill."



baby. And he gave me £10 when the Royal Party was due to call him.

The old King used to use Sandringham as a place where he could relax. The Duke comes here for business as well.

He's improved the estate—there's more machinery and more modern methods. He likes to do things for himself.

He has had a go on a tractor and drove a bulldozer on rough land which was being cleared up.

Considering he came here as something of a green-hand, he has learned a lot.

This place never used to say, but I think it must now. It's got the feel of a well-run estate.—Jack Clarke, Sandringham farm foreman.

Famous Dancer Marce Champion, in Hollywood, tells of a citrus橘子 episode:

It happened in Washington, when Secretary of State Foster Dulles was entertaining for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

My husband, Gower, and I were asked to dance for the party. We were dancing 'County Fair.'

Then one of my shoulder-straps broke. A few bars later the second strap went—and I went.

Gower said: "Marge and her straps have parted company. I'm afraid we must do so now."

At home

I was disappointed, because we had planned to do four numbers, and it was impossible to repair the straps in time.

But next morning, I received a note, with a beautiful white card.

The note said: "The Queen and I both enjoyed your dancing enormously."

This is just to express our sympathy on your mishap—Philip."

I have it framed now.

I think Prince Philip is one of the most handsome, charming and delightful men I have met.

My job was rowing the Duke to and from his ship in my boat. He never used the ship's boat. When his ship Chequers was sailing for a Venice cruise, he yelled:

"Come on, John, get your boat aboard. We are taking it to Venice—and you, too."

Whenever he saw me ashore he would stop his car and say: "Where are you going? Get in."

He was generous. He gave us clothes when my wife had a

JUST FANCY THAT

ELVIS, foot-high monkey mascot of the Vipers Skiffle Group, who appears with them on the stage and TV, broke out of his cage recently.

He strummed a few notes on the guitar belonging to his master, Johnny Martin, smashed the window of their flat in Eccleston Square, Victoria, and swung into the street.

A policeman from next door gave chase, and in Cambridge Street four more constables arrived by car as reinforcements.

Elvis, squealing and pawing playfully at them, dodged them every time—until one constable trod on his tail.

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THREE Montreal men are to try to cross the Atlantic in a 3,000-gallon oil drum measuring 18ft. by 6ft.

They will leave St John's, Newfoundland, on May 1 and hope to reach Europe in 10 weeks.

The men are 24-year-old Richard Mehrsch and Albert Birth and Robert Franz, both aged 30. One side of the oil drum will be weighted to prevent it rolling over. In the top side will be an opening to the "hull" as well as a small wooden deck and light sails.

Mehrsch says: "Most of the time we will just drift with the Gulf Stream, using the sail on windy days and hoisting below in foul weather."

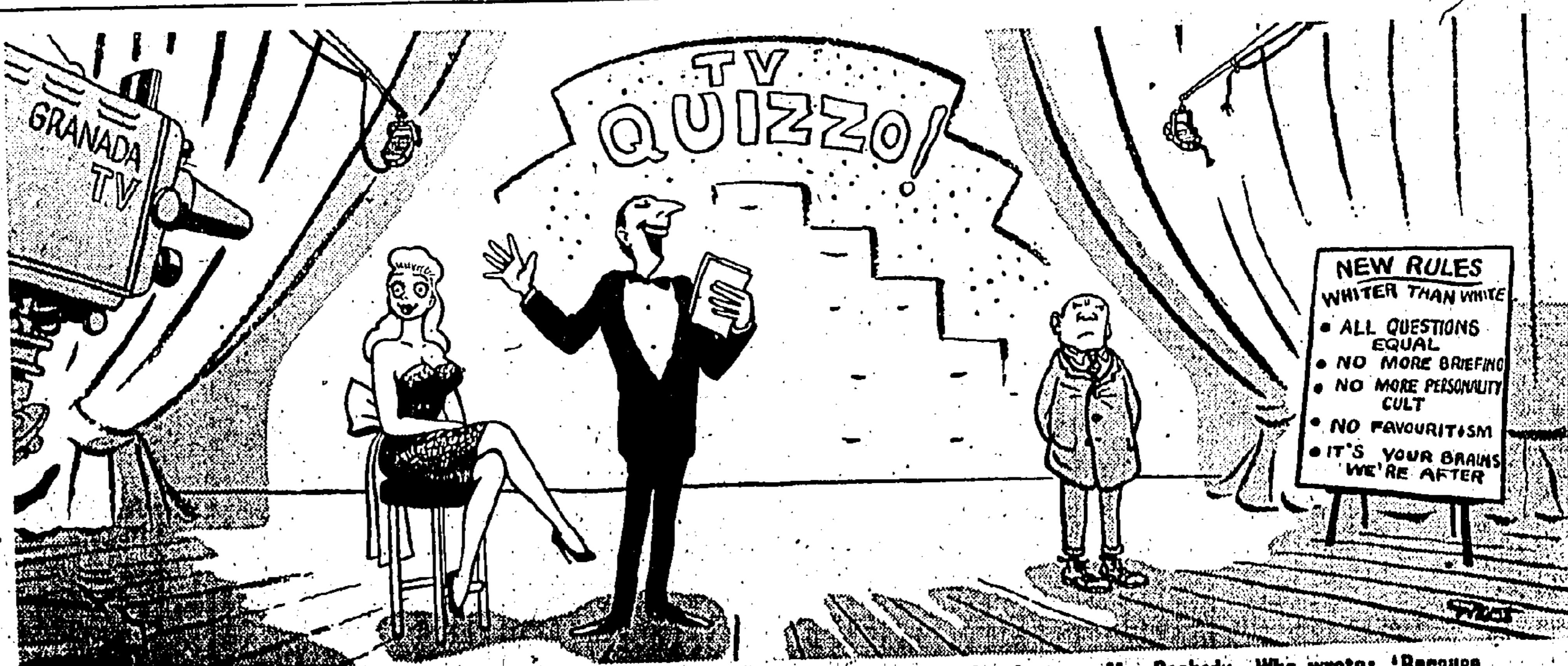
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MODESTY A FAÇADE

Cape Town.
An appeal for the removal of the outmoded womanly cult called "mildly modesty" was made by Mrs Jean Sutner, National President of the Business and Professional Women's Club at a meeting of the club in Cape Town.

Mrs Sutner said: "We must work for the eradication of this womanly cult, called mildly modesty even before we work for the eradication of sex discrimination. When we find women who have the background, the knowledge, the stamina and the fighting spirit to get into public life, we must pledge ourselves to support them."

"This outmoded, obsolete cult of modesty is a facade which no longer rings true. It is a form of hypocrisy and should be denounced and exposed. Let us boldly and independently tell our business and other associates, that we aspire to office, that we have the qualifications, and that all we demand is a chance to prove our worth."

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 2

BORN today, you have an elastic adaptability to varying circumstances and are able to adjust to all types of people with great ease. Although a certain amount of tact, diplomacy and flexibility is always

JACOBY on BRIDGE

HERE is a hand that should cheer up any discouraged bridge player. It is from the finals of the National Open Pair championship and the bidding is that of the popular winners, Enma Jean Hawes of Ft. Worth and Dr John Fisher of Dallas.

West opened the king of spades and shifted to heart. John won with his king, ruffed a spade with the ace of trumps, returned to his hand with a diamond and ruffed his last spade. Then all he had to do was to pull trumps and discard one of his small diamonds or dummy's queen of hearts.

Why should this hand cheer up discouraged bridge players?

The way John and Enma Jean handled it both the bidding and play were the height of simplicity and anyone looking at it

NORTH	21
♦ 6	
♥ A Q 7 2	
♦ K J 10 5	
♣ A J 10	
WEST	EAST
A X 10 8 3 2	♦ A 7 5
♦ 10 8 3	♦ 7 6 5
♦ 8	♦ 10 2
♦ 6 3	♦ 5 4 2
SOUTH (D)	
♦ J 9 4	
♦ K 4	
♦ A 7 3	
♦ K Q 9 8 7	
Both vulnerable	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass	
2 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass	
3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass	
4 ♥ Pass 6 ♠ Pass	
Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♦ K	

can say that he could have done as well.

The bidding proved most difficult to the expert players who held the cards. Only a very few reached the club claim. A slightly larger group reached six diamonds and went down because the diamond finesse lost. The diamond finesse was not needed at six clubs.

The great majority did even worse. They blundered into three no trump whereupon a spade opening set them two tries.

—CARD Sense—

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
What do you do?
A—Did five clubs. You are not quite strong enough to jump but your hand is very good and you bid your longest suit first.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner rebids to two diamonds. What do you do now?

Answer tomorrow



"TILBURY" a cocktail dress of white lace on a pleated tulle underskirt from the Paris Collection of Claude Riviere.—Central Press Photo.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Strange Dwelling Places

—Christopher Cricket Tells Of His Friends' Homes—

By MAX TRELL

"SOME of my friends," Christopher Cricket was saying to Knarf and Hanif, the Shadows, with the Turned About Names, "live in mighty strange places."

"For instance, what strange places do you mean?" Knarf asked Christopher.

"For instance," said Christopher, as he carefully crossed five or six of his legs, "one of my friends lives behind a clock on top of a high steeple."

Hanif asked, "What's the name of your friend who lives behind a clock in a high steeple?"

"It's a Mouse," said Christopher.

"I can now take a calculated guess. It seems certain that you are headed after the right friend," Christopher said, "and get results."

"Follow your intuitions in any business involving property."

"CANCER (Apr. 22-May 21)—Cancer is a social animal with important business at luncheon, perhaps—and get results."

"LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—protect a new job, one you may eager to have. Ask for what you want; you might get it."

"VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—protect the house in your corner today. Act on something important and get one result."

"SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Take a forward step in financial matters, and to your profit."

"CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Demonstrate your good will and success in the air for you! Advance your interests; get what you want now."

"LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—act now to secure another day something important you can do."

"ACT ONCE."

"SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—protect the house in your corner today. Act on something important and get one result."

"CHRISTOPHER (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Take a forward step in financial matters, and to your profit."

"AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—put a new idea to work for you and others in your community for being progressive."

Rupert and the Secret Boat 44



The old Professor looks very disturbed though not as frightened as his servant. "I'm very, very relieved to see you again," says again, "What?" asks the old man. "What?" demands the old man. "Nobdy bothers her up there and she is very busy."

to pieces and risk stopping your engine." "Yes," laughs Rupert.

"What happens when we reach the garden gate?" "What?" asks the old man. "What?" demands the old man. "Nobdy bothers her up there and she is very busy."

"I bet," said Hanif, "I know the name of this lady friend of yours!"

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Pre-School Discipline Is Essential

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, PH.D.

the teacher told her, "you can't play with them."

"The little girl kicked and screamed in protest during the first day of isolation. On the second day, she voluntarily promised not to bite any more children if the teacher would let her join her playmates. She was allowed to do so and the problem never arose again."

There might, of course, have been the same result if the child

In the nursery school or kindergarten, when a child violently and chronically disturbs the peace of the group, he may be effectively isolated for a period in another room or on the other side of the room.

"We solved the situation," explains Dr Blanton, "by putting the little girl in a play pen on one side of the room."

"If you bite other children,

CHICKENS really have something to crow about. They're among the few foods popular throughout the world.

Some people shun beef. Others refuse to eat pork. The use of lamb, mutton, fish and cheese varies from nation to nation. But chicken specialties are firmly established in every cuisine from Australia to Zanzibar.

As food, chickens go back historically to 600 B.C. when man first discovered that jungle hens made good eating.

Records don't show how that first chicken dinner was prepared. The birds must have been gamey and far less flavourful, tender and meaty than today's scientifically improved domestic fowl. But those hens from the jungles of India and the East Indies were direct ancestors of present-day chickens.

Responsible Roman gastronomes then invented a third type of domestic fowl, the capon, by de-sexing the cock.

The idea of a chicken in every pot as a symbol of economic well-being has been around a long time. When Herbert Hoover expounded this idea in his presidential platform in 1928, he was taking a cue from Henry IV of France, who came to the throne in 1589.

In the northern hemisphere, game bird ancestry has been traced from the ice age to the present day.

Henry was a poultry farmer and made up a book of his favourite chicken recipes. "Petite Marmite Henry V," one of France's classic chicken soups, was named for him.

Another French ruler, Napoleon Bonaparte, also liked chicken dinners. This presented a problem to his chef during the Napoleonic campaigns, because the commander-in-chief's dinner hour was unpredictable. The chef solved the problem by turning out roast chicken at 20-minute intervals until Napoleon arrived.

IN FRANCE

Roast chicken is only one of many ways in which the French prepare this fowl. Perhaps the dish best known to Americans is "coq au vin," chicken cooked in red wine with herbs and mushrooms.

In Italy, the national chicken specialty is "chicken scaloppato," in a tomato sauce with mushrooms and garlic.

The Spanish go for "arroz con pollo," rice with chicken, pre-

THE ELUSIVE CHICKEN

CHICKENS are very scarce in Hongkong at the moment but against the day when they return to our markets, here are some facts about this elusive bird.

pared in a casserole containing pears and plums.

Hungarians eat their chicken paprikash style, with paprika and sour cream. Curried chicken is an Indian favourite, with a green chutney sauce and seasoning from that of the home.

In the home, you rarely have other young children from whom to isolate the lot physically or psychologically and he may be glad to be sent away from angry adults.

By age three or earlier, he must be taught at home, through physical pain, the meaning of No, so as to profit from chair-sitting as punishment for any serious misdeemeanour. The main thing is for him to associate the punishment strongly and quickly with his disregard for No.

WITH PARSLEY

Australia's "toad in the hole" contains sliced chicken, topped with parsley, salt, pepper and a biscuit-type batter.

In Zanzibar, the chicken specialty is "kalaboom," chicken cut-up, fried in oil, and served with rice, coconut, pounded white nuts, Moroccan "caussons," served with steamed semolina and mutton; the African Congo's chicken with peanut puree; Hawaiian chicken with pineapple "mole;" and Mexican chicken "mole;" in a highly spiced sauce containing chocolate.

Recent in an address before nursery school and kindergarten specialists and parents at the convention of the Southern Association on Children Under Six, I pointed out that control of young children in a school group may be very different from that of the home.

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Invisible Bars

At home, he needs to learn to stay put for a brief period of 10, 15 or 20 minutes, knowing that he will suffer instant physical pain if he doesn't. In other words, he should be "jailed" by invisible bars.

Once this method has been learned to work, spanking can be abandoned, and the mother and baby-sitter will have a humane and effective means of control. Furthermore, the child will then be prepared to accept limitations at school.

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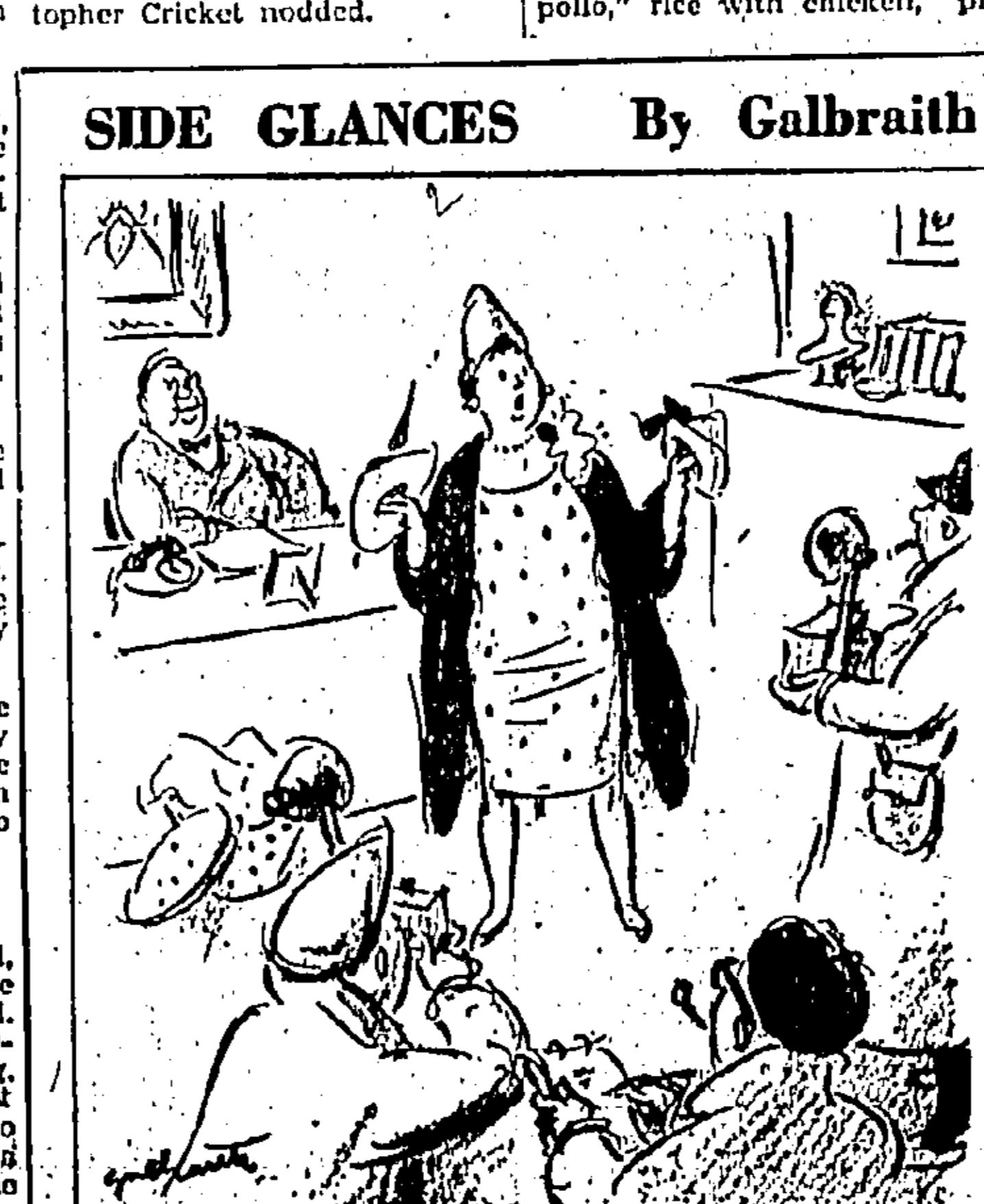
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FIGHTING TALK!

What do you know of the boxing game? Many will probably think they know quite a lot about it until questions are asked particularly after some very close and controversial bouts. Here Sydney Hulls, Daily Express boxing expert tells us 1,268 words how to judge a fight. Read them, be your own judge the next time you watch a fight and when there's an argument about a fight you'll be the boxing expert.



268 Words On Judging A Fight

American Football

TO DED

What do referees' decisions

frequently cause such heat-

ing arguments among boxing

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in New York last

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1930 and 1931, when he

had lost his home in Florida

but, when he

had boxing so many moves

and even forgotten, that it is

Booth's wife, who

four judges seated on

an executive

appreciably in the way

Haven had already

scored a fight.

THE MARGIN

How many points does a

the finished

referee award each round?

he also was

a decisive win margin

the best player, re-

nd, in football

"The Referee's Guide,"

eighty Atom" was

published by the British

Board of Control (1929)

who worshipped

The referee shall award

in the early

maximum of five marks

in quarters points like

4½, 4¾, and 4.

Does not believe that any

man is ever given fewer than

points to fighter if he is

standing up at the end of the

THE PAY-OFF

When a knocks out his op-

ponent does the k.o. count

so many points?

Does the k.o. count automatically as a win, even if the other fighter is, say, five points ahead and the referee has not stopped the contest?

WHEN a man is knocked

out or fails to complete a

round then he loses all points

for that round. The winner

How does a referee score a

fight in relation to the

blows exchanged?

There is no fixed ratio

of punches to points. That

would be impossible. In some

rounds 50 punches are ex-

changed; in others five.

In my experience you have

to do a kind of mental arith-

metic trying to judge as closely

as you can which boxer has

FOUR D. JONES

LATE THE WOMEN'S GUILD

WELL, I WAS SO

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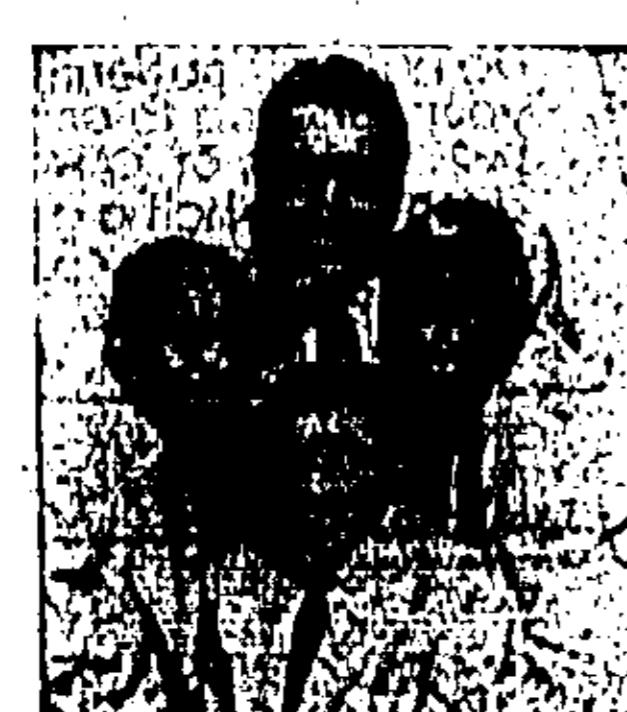


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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Professor Allen Had The Times Sizzling

London. Top People take The Times. —The Times says. Recently, The Times and its Top People were taken—badly.

When one of the paper's "Special Correspondents" turned in a story that geology students from Reading University had found what were almost certainly diamonds in the Thames Valley, the sub-editors thought it sensational enough to give it almost an entire column in the main news page.

They also published photographs of Professor Percival Allen, head of Reading's geology department examining the finds under a microscope.

There were straight-faced quotes from Professor Allen:

"He was '99 per cent sure' the stones were diamonds."

The Times' special correspondent voiced his suspicion of the fact that the diamonds had been found remarkably near the time of the Reading students' "ring" week.

But his fears seemed groundless when us he put it, Professor Allen and his assistant "descended the idea that the discovery was a stunt."

The Truth

Within 24 hours, however, the truth somehow slipped out. The "diamond" strike WAS a hoax.

Professor Allen and his staff had cooperated with "tagging" students in putting it over.

The Times fairly sizzled with indignation.

The special correspondent reported that the professor was "quite unrepentant, happy in fact, that the hoax had been such a success."

But was it not lying? Doubtless it was, said the professor. Nevertheless, he thought it "perfectly ethical to take part in a harmless—and what is obviously—a joke."

In a leading article, however, The Times left no doubt of what it thought of people who play such jokes on it.

Said the leader: "We apologise to our readers for having wasted their time...with a pack of lies, told publicly and in his official capacity by Professor Allen."

"There is a distinction, clear to anyone with a sense of proportion and a sense of humour, between hoaxing and lying..."

"The Governing Body will die if they take note of this discreditable affair. Until it is cleared up, the public will be unable to know whether any future statement coming from Reading University is true or not"—Express Service.



The Five Cold Catafalques in London. From left: Mr. John Chapman, Westcliff; Mrs. Margaret Dougherty, Stoneleigh; Mrs. Eileen Bailey, Hastings; Mr. Terry McGee, Norbury; Mrs. Michael Johnson, Mitcham.

5 COLD CATAFALQUERS IS WHAT THEY ARE

London can be a friendless place. Yet sometimes the firmest friendships begin in the strangest places. One such friendship concerns The Five Cold Catafalques. They met at the Living-in-State of King George VI in February, 1952. Their club was founded as the queue snaked through the catafalque in Westminster Hall.

Recently they had their seventh annual reunion. Bearded John Chapman, of Tintin Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea joined the Living-in-State queue at the same time as Terry McGee, of Pollards Hill North, Mitcham.

Soon joining them exchanged a few words. The subject was banking. Terry then worked in a bank and John had had previous banking experience.

Soon joining in the same conversation were two girls ahead of them—bank clerks Margaret Ellis, then 17, and Eileen Foot, 20.

'Don't talk shop'

From behind came a reprimanding voice pleading: "Don't talk shop!"

It was another bank clerk, Michael Johnson, of Dahlingshams, Mitcham.

Coming away from the Living-in-State the five decided to meet a year ahead in a hotel in Wardour Street, Soho—a date that has been repeated ever since.

Seven years later the Five Cold Catafalques are looking forward to a dinner to celebrate their 10th anniversary. There has always been something to celebrate. In 1953 Mike was planning his wedding; in 1954 glasses were raised to the birth of the first of his two children; in 1957 the two girls said they were getting engaged. They were married last year.

June mother

This year Terry told them he would be married in October and Eileen—now Mrs. Bailey, of Milward Road, Hastings, will be mother in June.

The Five Cold Catafalques have a firm rule not to get in touch with each other between annual meetings. An exception was made for all to meet at the girls' weddings.

Margaret—In the—was never seen again. "They cost \$58.20 originally—and they've never been worn. They'd be great for the contemplation of levitation,"—U.P.I.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"IT seems," said the magistrate, "that you sat on this horse in the yard all night. May one ask why?" "I have knock-knees," answered the man shamefacedly, "so I was stuck there."

"You mean you couldn't dislodge your knees from the horse's flanks?" queried the magistrate. "That's about it," replied the man. "They were clipped in a vice." It was Lady Dashott of Dashott Hall, Quibblesbury. She grew sick of being called by the title "Lady Dame of Dummit All," and who will blame the dancer Ruby Knives, who was too fond of pink, for calling herself Olga Democracy?

Democracy rampant.

The discovery in a Bourne mouth tannery of more than 32,641 semi-official documents had completed the decision to rechristen our mail but void the application made by any semi-official candidate for public support "unless hitherto held responsible for membership in other causes." The widow who was frightened by a man who came down her chimney and shouted, "Don't be alarmed, I am your candidate," has lodged a complaint with the Democratic League of Electioneering Technique.

Tch! tch!
THE Rabbit Clearance Council

is disturbed by children's affection for rabbits. It would be still more disturbed if it knew that in a remote Cornish hamlet there is a

(London Express Service)

Prince Of Thrillers Wrote For The King

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE WAS HIS "MEAT"



In 25 years of writing, mystery author Dennis Wheatley has completed 44 books and watched his world sales soar to a staggering 14 million.

Yet 62-year-old Wheatley's most satisfying work remains the 500,000 words he wrote solely for a readership of four.

They were Britain's Chiefs of Staff—and King George VI.

It was a real-life episode which matches any of the author's swashbuckling, cloak-and-dagger anguish.

"It happened by sheer chance," he says. "My wife was a War Office driver just after Dunkirk. One day she was driving an M.I.5 chap who'd just been given the job of thinking up ideas for resisting a German invasion.

"He was at a bit of a loss, and my wife said: 'Why don't you have a talk with my husband? That sort of thing is just his meat.'"

The M.I.5 officer did. And as a result, Wheatley had written a 7,000-word report called "Resistance to Invasion" within the next 24 hours.

He became the first non-regular officer with the rank of Wing Commander to sit on the Joint Planning Staff, personal "resistance advisor" to the Chiefs of Staff and the King, helped plan "The Man Who Never Was" and the careful placing of Field-Marshal Montgomery's double.

Off secret list

During the next two years, Wheatley produced another 19 papers, part practical psychology and part story-telling skill in visualising life under the Nazi heel.

Now those papers have been released from the secret list and published in a 353-page book called "Stranger than Fiction".

Buy stocks, ready-faced.

Wheatley is celebrating more than that. This year is his 25th as a best-selling author.

In those 25 years, his 44 books, all of them still in print, have grossed more than £250,000, have been translated into 22 languages, including Russian in a pirated edition—Hindi and Japanese, and have earned him the Times' Literary Supplement's title of "the prince of thriller writers."

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

'SLOW DOWN' SOUND FOR MELBOURNE'S GIANT MUSIC BOWL

By NOEL BUCHANAN

A GIANT music bowl, opened in Australia this month, pioneers a new process in broadcasting in the Southern Hemisphere—a system to SLOW DOWN sound.

The Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne, which has taken a year and £200,000 to build, is bigger than the famous Hollywood Bowl that inspired it.

The enormous stage of the futuristic bowl is big enough to hold six suburban-style houses.

It has an area of 6,000 square feet and under the stage is another 6,000 square feet of space holding changing rooms, showers, stores, kitchen and tea room and a number of small offices.

SANDWICH

The sweeping curved canopy of the bowl is made of a half-inch sandwich of aluminium and plywood suspended on a cobweb of steel wire ropes.

The main cable, stretching from 70 feet from the ground high across the tops of the two 70 ft masts and down underground again, is 568 feet long and weighs more than 40 tons.

One of the main problems that troubled engineers en-

countered building the bowl was getting a clear reproduction of music to the 2,030 people sitting under the canopy and the thousands more sitting on the grass slopes outside.

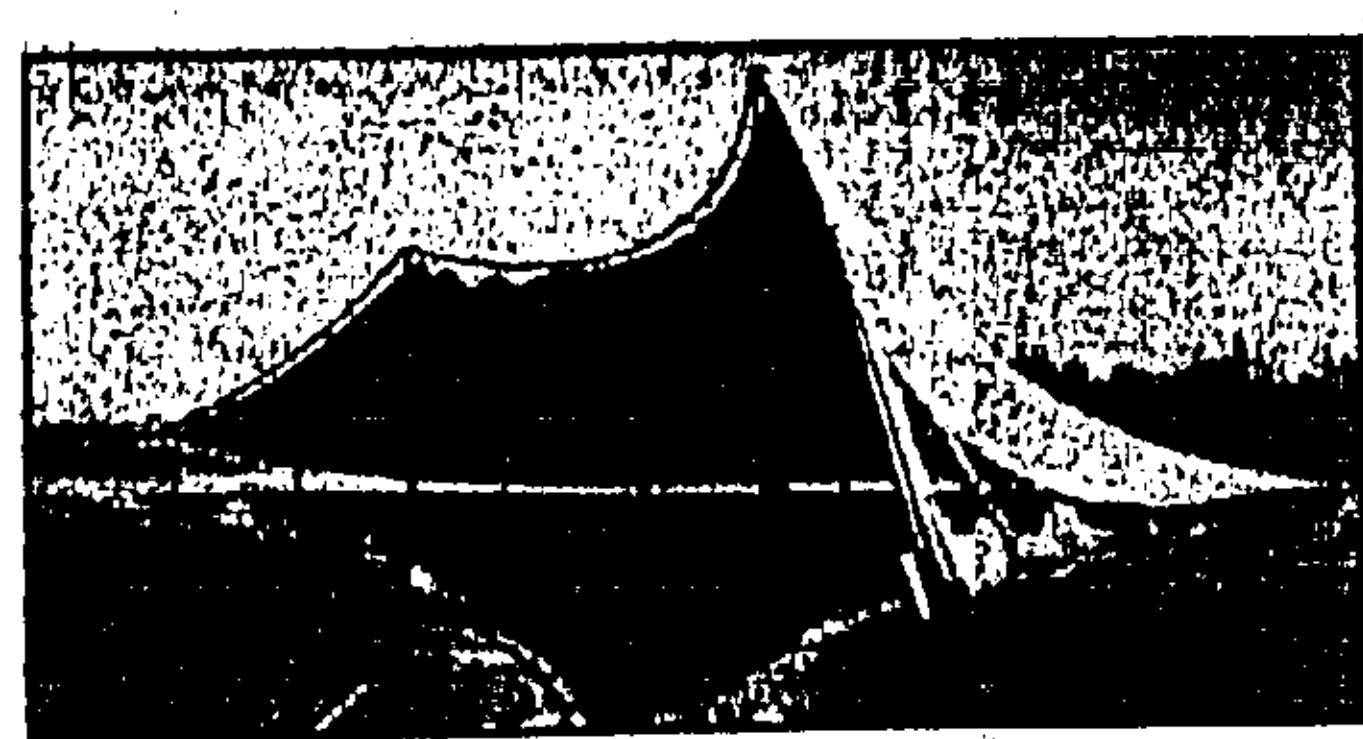
Some listeners may be closer to a loudspeaker than to the

stage than from the ordinary loudspeaker and then a fraction of a second later from the stage. The result is a blurred sound.

But the loudspeaker system used in the new Melbourne bowl automatically delays the sound from each speaker so that it reaches the ears of the audience at the same time as the natural sound from the stage.

The system is the first of its kind installed in the Southern Hemisphere and is similar to the process developed by Phillips Electrical Industries for the famous La Scala Opera House in Milan.

An operator will sit in a built-in control pit built in the middle of lawn 200 feet from the stage and control the sound levels from all speakers.



Canopy of the Sidney Myer Music Bowl

Electronic Brain Speeds Up Banking

A NEW chapter in banking history was opened recently when the first "Univac Calculating Tabulator" (UCT) in the world started operations at the Dresdner Bank in Hamburg, West Germany.

The new electronic brain, the first solid-state computer in actual use, will extend operations of the bank's conventional punched-card system to work pertaining to savings, foreign currency transactions, current account, as well as to payroll processing.

These applications, however, do not nearly fill the computer's capacity. Consequently, many additional programmes are being drawn up to make full use of UCT's vast capabilities.

STORAGE DRUM

In one second the UCT is capable of doing 11,000 additions, 4,000 multiplications, or about 20,000 comparisons of multi-digit data. Five thousand ten-digit numbers can be stored on the drum and taken out again within thousandths of a second.

There are four units to the UCT: a Central Processor with a magnetic storage drum, a High-speed Reader, the Read-Punch Unit, and a High-speed Printer.

The results of the electronic computations are turned out by the printer at a speed of 600 lines of text per minute, which is equal to a per second output of 1,300 numbers, letters, and symbols, assuming that each line has 12 characters.

The data is produced by Sperry Gyroscope, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, USA.

Light Pattern Of Wall Continually Changes

A NEW aluminium product with an unusual glittering finish, for decorative applications, is to be made commercially available in the United States.

To produce the new finish, large grains are produced in aluminium alloy sheet.

Subsequent acid etching causes individual grains to stand out in relief and also develops intricate facets on each grain. Since each grain is positioned differently to its neighbour, a viewer observes varying degrees of light being reflected from the surface, and as the viewer moves, the light pattern continually changes.

The material has been developed by Aluminum Co. of America, 1801 Alcoa Blvd., Pittsburgh 10, Pa., U.S.A.

New Type Of Fluid For Gyroscopes

A NEW type of fluid may revolutionise the manufacture of gyroscopes.

The practical advantages of the new compound lie in the fact that the fluid never becomes solid, even at the lowest temperatures, remaining viscous at temperatures as low as minus 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

At the same time, it can be brought up to operating temperatures. It is claimed, very easily without any hazards being caused.

The fluid is produced by Sperry Gyroscope, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, USA.

Automatic Welder For UK Shipyard

THE first of a new type of welding equipment is now in operation in a British shipyard.

This equipment, which is described as a self-propelled twin-fillet welding machine, consists of a carriage on which are mounted two automatic welding heads. These enable the forward feed, the angle of the fillet, and the welding speed to be provided simultaneously. The equipment is able to weld all kinds of welding requirements, and its use has resulted in considerable savings in time and labour.

Rock Drilling Advance

ONE of the latest developments in rock drilling consists of a pneumatic cylinder and platen which utilises compressed air pressure to support the weight of the drill as well as to provide the necessary forward feed. The equipment is able to provide all kinds of drilling requirements, and its use has resulted in considerable savings in time and labour.

Weekly Survey On The American Economy AUTO INDUSTRY SURPRISE

Production Running Ahead Of Last Year Despite Staff Cut

New York, Mar. 1.

The automobile industry in the United States turned out its millionth car of 1959 last Thursday, an event which did not occur last year until March 12.

This is an industry where production is running about 12 per cent ahead of a year ago in spite of a reduction of 50,000 in the number of workers employed.

This also in a city—Detroit—where there are 3,000 more unemployed than there were

year ago, a city which has been compelled to place the heavy burden of unemployment benefit payments on the state government, and a city whose assistant general superintendent of public welfare was quoted this past week as saying the welfare problem is the worst since World War II (with the exception of a strike period in 1950).

Benefits

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business as Easter approaches and, with it, the inducement to buy spring clothes. This optimism is also supported by the fact that cold weather has largely cleared winter stocks in stores.

New Records

A survey by Fortune Magazine found retail merchants of clothing, cars, home goods, department stores and hardware, expecting consumer purchases in 1959 to set new records.

Living costs are on the rise again. The Department of Labour's consumer price index edged ahead one-tenth of one per cent to 123.8 in January. This was still below the 123.9 record posted in July and again in November of last year. The index has fluctuated a great deal during the past nine months.

Commissioner Ewan Clague said this was "the lowest period of narrow stability" in the 19 years in which the Government has made its monthly report.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$318,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
RANKS	705	347	700
INK BANK	705	347	700
UNION	72	72	70
Lombard	23	23	22
SIPPING	2715	5,55	2,200
Watercock	2715	5,55	2,200
DOCKS, ETC.	22	100	22
K. Wharf	43	44	42
Provident	12,10	12,30	2,000
LAND, ETC.	23,22	23,40	500
HK Land	3114	32	1,000
Humphreys	16,12	19	83
RUBBER	2,12	2,15	4,000
Amalg	2,12	2,15	2,125
Trust	2,175	3,124	2,025
Macao E.	2,23	2,25	1,000
Tel.	2,23	2,25	200
INDUSTRIALS	23,10	23,40	1000
Cement	14,33	14,60	228
STORES, ETC.	10	10,20	1,400
Dairy	14,33	14,60	228
COTTONS	3,825	3,75	1,000
Textile	2,28	2,30	1,000
Indonesia	1,50	1,50	20,75
Siam ticals (per 100)	5,20	5,20	1,000
Singapore (Straits)	1,82	1,82	3,05
INVESTMENTS	5,25	5,43	1,000
Allied	3,05	3,05	1,000

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates:

Sterling notes (per \$1) 5.74

Australian notes (per £1) 10.25

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PAINTINGS EXHIBITION OPENED



In the above picture, Mrs. Dillon, is seen cutting the ribbon. Beside her on the right stands Professor Wang Chi-wan, while on the left is Mandarin film star Shao Fong-fong, with her mother. Behind Mrs. Dillon is Mr. Robert Clarke, Director of USIS-China Mail Photo.

Mrs T. P. Dillon wife of the Executive Officer, US Consulate-General, opened an exhibition of paintings and calligraphy representing five years' work by Professor Wang Chi-wan, at the United States Cultural Centre at Ice House Street this morning.

Floral studies and scenes of New York—State were among the varied works admired by the numerous guests attending the opening ceremony. They were welcomed by Mr Robert Clarke, Public Affairs Officer and Director of USIS; and Mr Norman Barnes, Cultural Affairs Officer.

GETTING WARMER

Temperatures are expected to get slightly warmer this afternoon, but it will still remain cold, a spokesman for the Royal Observatory said this morning.

The minimum temperature recorded at the Observatory this morning was 40.5 degrees, compared with yesterday's minimum of 32.4. The maximum reading yesterday was 55 but it is expected to reach the 60s today.

The outlook for today and tomorrow is cloudy with fair periods.

BURGLARS ON PEAK

Three wrist watches and cash amounting to \$600 were stolen when intruders broke into No. 10, Perking Road, ground floor, in Jardine's Lookout between 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. today.

Appeal Judge Terms Sentence Grossly Exaggerated'

Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Appeals Court this morning allowed an appeal against a sentence of 18 months for assault brought by a bicycle passenger, Wu Kuen, and reduced the sentence to a bond to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for six months.

Mr Justice Reece said that having regard to the second report on the case by the trial magistrate, he considered the sentence of 18 months to be a grossly exaggerated punishment. The appellant had been driven to commit the offence by desperation and it was the complainant who started the fight, he said.

Mr Justice Reece said he would have thought a fine would be adequate in this case but the appellant had been sentenced to custody since December 2 last.

In the circumstances, he would order the appellant to enter into a bond for six months, he said.

Mr P. d'Almada Remedios, representing the appellant, said the worse of the fight.

the case at a previous hearing had been ordered to be remitted to the Magistrate to ascertain the facts of the case. These facts had now been ascertained and a report had been sent to the Court.

From the report, Mr Remedios submitted, it was quite clear that the assault took place only after very considerable provocation.

Secondly, there was no record of the complainant having suffered any serious injury. It was also quite clear that the appellant was essentially a law-abiding citizen.

The appellant had been in custody since December 20 and from the Magistrate's report, it was clear that he had got much

Warning Of More Violence In Africa

London, Mar. 1. The British Minister who helped Ghana get independence warned today more violence might occur in Africa unless something was done soon. Mr. James Griffiths, former Labour Government Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, said that the Africans must be made to believe that their cause is not being sold out to the whites. "The situation will continue to deteriorate if this confidence is not restored," he said in an interview.

"The situation is serious. It is the greatest folly to let it deteriorate further. There is no time to lose."

The 68-year-old Socialist spoke against the background of spreading nationalist violence in many parts of Africa.

As the Labour minister in charge of colonial affairs of 1950 and 1951, he had firsthand experience of the growth of African nationalism.

Too Strong

This nationalism, he said, is too powerful to resist. He said that the West should not make the same mistake with it as it has with Arab nationalism in the Middle East—by seeing it as anti-white.

"We must guide these peoples on the road to independence," he added. "All evidence is that the emerging African leaders do speak for their peoples, and are not fanatics without a trace."

"The fear of South African apartheid is so dangerous that it threatens to make a colour bar irreversible. You cannot disassociate little rock from Ghana," he said.

"The colour bar is the exposed nerve of Africans. All thus hurts their dignity—they want to be treated as equals. They are determined to be masters of their own destinies."—U.P.I.

GENERAL BASTYAN RETURNS

Lieutenant-General Sir Edric M. Bastyan, Commander, British Forces, Hongkong, accompanied by Lady Bastyan returned this morning from Tokyo by Pan American after a courtesy visit to Honolulu.

Meeting them was the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore P. D. Holder, and the Commander, Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, Brigadier J. M. A. Chestnutt, who have respectively been acting Commander, British Forces and Acting Commander Land Forces during General Bastyan's absence.

He said that the search for survivors of the Persian Gulf storm had been completed and the British naval vessels and planes had searched the Persian Gulf today for survivors of an 80-mile-an-hour storm which lashed across the tiny Bahrain Islands last night. The Bahrain police said the storm was a complete surprise and there was no way of telling how many casualties were caused. Three bodies have been found.

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Mud-built homes were knocked apart and the big wooden boats used by Bahraini pearl fishermen were caught along the exposed strand and dashed to bits at jetty and coral reefs.

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Squatter Blaze In Kowloon



Two firemen were sent to hospital after they received injuries in a blaze which broke out early this morning in one of the last squatter areas in Shamshui Po, Kowloon, shown above. Over 500 squatters were made homeless, but there were no other casualties. The squatter huts where the fire is believed to have started surround a timber yard off Tong Mei Road. — China Mail Photo.

BARRISTER OVERRULED IN TOMMY GUNS CASE

CROWN MOVE ON WITNESS CAUSES PROTEST

Victoria District Judge B. J. Jennings this morning allowed a prosecution witness to stand down before starting her evidence, overruling a protest by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, Defence Counsel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Advice To Voters

NOT NECESSARY

The accused, Lau Yiu-nam, alias Lau For-sang, 47, owner of the Lau Sang Li Shop, of 679 Shanghai Street, also faces a charge of having control of firearms.

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Mr D'Alton, representing a shop-keeper charged with possession of eight Tommy guns, 16 automatic pistols and a number of magazines, had challenged the Crown's right not to call the woman at this stage.

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Appearing for the Officier Receveur, Mr T. C. Chan told the Court that since the last hearing, the prosecution had decided it was not necessary at the present stage to call the woman as witness.

Mr Mayo said he therefore proposed to withdraw her for the time being.

If it was found necessary to call her, he added, he would apply to the court to have her competency could be argued again.

Mr D'Alton stated that he did not think there was any authority for withdrawing the witness in this manner. "She is either called as witness, or not called at all."

NOT OBJECTING

Asked by the Judge if he was objecting, Mr D'Alton said he was not. But he said, the woman had already taken her oath, and he was entitled to cross-examine her on what evidence she had to offer.

"It is in the interests of justice that the witness' competency be argued out now," Counsel said.

Mr D'Alton said that when the hearing was adjourned last week, it was made clear that the master would be dealt with today.

He added: "It is very embarrassing for the defence to be told at this stage that the witness would be withdrawn for the time being and possibly recalled later if necessary."

EXTRAORDINARY

"It seems to me to be a most extraordinary procedure," he added.

Giving his decision, Judge Jennings said he would permit the witness to be stood down, the Crown may apply for her to be called at a later stage if necessary.

Mr D'Alton is proceeding.

From the Files

25 years AGO

THE Portuguese community of Hongkong has suffered a heavy loss by the death of Mr J. M. de Castro Basto, of Messrs Noronha and Co, Government printers, who passed away at the age of 80 years at the Canossa Hospital yesterday.

NEWS has just been received in the Colony of the death of Mr John Alston, who was for many years in the service of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. He came to Hongkong in 1914 as senior assistant in the Bank and served here for several years.

Within a few hours of their arrival in Shanghai, the two younger daughters of the new British Minister to China, Sir Alexander Cadogan, were found to be suffering from measles.

A FEATURE of Hongkong's building development is the rapid growth that is continuously taking place on the outskirts of Kowloon. Prince Edward Road and Kowloon Tong are fast becoming the residential districts of the Colony. Last year saw the completion at Repulse Bay of the replica of Edinburgh Castle, erected by a well-known Singapore millionaire.

In a review of building activities in 1958, the SCM Post said the new Stock Exchange Building in Ice House Street and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank constitute the major building operations now in hand. But several other skyscrapers were under construction.

The new City Hall will probably be erected on the already prepared site of the old Military Sanatorium, which was blown down in the 1923 typhoon. This site overlooks some of the prettiest country in the Colony.

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